Consolidated Intent Language Report -New Fiscal Year Appropriations Act (SB0002)

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Capital Facilities & Government Operations

ISF - Administrative Services - ISF - Facilities Management

1. The Legislature intends that the DFCM internal service fund may add up to three FTEs and up to two vehicles beyond the authorized level if new facilities come on line or maintenance agreements are requested. Any added FTEs or vehicles will be reviewed and may be approved by the Legislature in the next legislative session

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Commerce & Workforce Services

Labor Commission

- 2. The Legislature intends that the Labor Commission may acquire four Motor Pool vehicles for the Office of Coal Mine Safety and the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division.
- 3. The Legislature intends that the Labor Commission may charge credit card fees related to the collection of Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division penalties and safety inspections to the related free revenue accounts.

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Health & Human Services

Health - Health Care Financing

- 4. The Legislature intends that the Department of Health shall provide a report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1, 2009 on how to change outpatient hospital reimbursement to a fee-for-service system within the Medicaid program and the estimated savings.
- 5. The Legislature intends that the Department of Health report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee detailing efforts and proposals to help Medicaid clients understand the cost of medical care and improving health literacy. The Department of Health shall report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1, 2009.
- 6. The Legislature intends that the Department of Health make a report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee that recommends ways to significantly expand consumer-driven health care in Medicaid including any necessary waivers. The Department of Health shall report to the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1, 2009.

Human Services - Svcs for People w/Disabilities

7. The Legislature intends that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) use FY 2010 beginning non-lapsing funds to offer emergency services, services for individuals who turn 18 years old and leave state custody from the divisions of Child and Family Services and Juvenile Justice Services, and services for individuals that are court ordered into DSPD services.

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Higher Education

State Board of Regents - Administration

8. The Legislature intends that cosmetology and barbering education, provided by the Utah System of Higher Education or by the Utah College of Applied Technology, cooperate with the private sector in expanding programs if similar programs are offered by private sector providers in the service area. If programs already exist, the Legislature favors formation of partnerships between USHE or UCAT career and technology education and the private sector providers. The Legislature intends that career and technology education providers report the development and performance of such partnerships to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2010 General Session.

Utah College of Applied Technology - Administration

9. The Legislature intends that cosmetology and barbering education, provided by the Utah System of Higher Education or by the Utah College of Applied Technology, cooperate with the private sector in expanding programs if similar programs are offered by private sector providers in the service area. If programs already exist, the Legislature favors formation of partnerships between USHE or UCAT career and technology education and the private sector providers. The Legislature intends that career and technology education providers report the development and performance of such partnerships to the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2010 General Session.

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Natural Resources

Natural Resources - Administration

10. The Legislature intends that funding for the Bear Lake Regional Commission be expended only as a one-to-one match with funds from the State of Idaho.

Natural Resources - Species Protection

11. The Legislature intends that the Department of Natural Resources report to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee on or before their November, 2009 meeting, providing detailed information on how funds are expended for the Colorado River, June Sucker, and Virgin River plans, including detailed information on contracts issued, deliverables required, and deliverables accomplished.

Natural Resources - Wildlife Resources

- 12. The Legislature intends that up to \$500,000 of Wildlife Resources budget may be used for big game depredation expenses. The legislature also intends that half of these funds be from the general fund restricted Wildlife Resources account and half from the General Fund.
- 13. The Legislature intends that up to \$140,000 be spent on cougar/bear depredation. \$90,000 will be from the General Fund and up to \$50,000 will be from the General Fund Restricted Wildlife Resources account.

Natural Resources - Water Rights

14. The Legislature intends that the Division of Water Rights study the feasibility of decentralizing the approval process of small water rights and report back to the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2010 General Session.

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Public Education

MSP - Basic School Program - Regular Basic School Program

- 15. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee passed a motion to direct the subcommittee co-chairs to draft statutory language for inclusion in the Minimum School Program Budget Amendments to restructure the Professional Staff Cost Formula in the Basic School Program to provide up to one WPU for every FTE classroom teacher (up to 23,572 WPUs) and that the number of WPUs increase each year with the number of qualifying teachers.
- 16. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee passed a motion to direct the subcommittee co-chairs to draft statutory language for inclusion in the Minimum School Program Budget Amendments to restructure the Administrative Cost Formula in the Basic School Program to direct the current funding allocation to school districts enrolling less than 5,000 students. The 1,620 WPUs currently allocated to the program will remain the same.
- 17. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee passed a motion to direct the subcommittee co-chairs to draft statutory language for inclusion in the Minimum School Program Budget Amendments to provide school districts and charter schools the option of reducing the school year by up to 5 days in FY 2010 as a method to implement the budget reductions. The motion was to provide this flexibility to school districts and charter schools in the number of days, but not a decrease in the number of instructional hours.

MSP - Related to Basic Programs - Block Grant Programs

18. The Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee passed a motion to direct the subcommittee co-chairs to draft statutory language for inclusion in the Minimum School Program Budget Amendments to create the Quality Teaching & Technology Block Grant and expand the possible funding uses of the current Quality Teaching Block Grant to include education technology (including hardware, software, staff/support). The technology component is focused on the online delivery of assessments and learning content in the school districts and charter schools. Program funding will be divided between teacher professional development and instructional-based technology and support.

Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Transportation & Environmental Quality

National Guard - Utah National Guard

19. The Legislature intends that the National Guard be authorized an increase of four vehicles to their fleet.

Three vehicles will be used for fire support at the Camp Williams' Range and one vehicle for maintenance and snow plowing at the Salt Lake Readiness Center.

Transportation - Operations/Maintenance Management

- 20. There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient, but not more than the surplus of the Transportation Fund, to be used by the Department for the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of State highways in Utah. The Legislature intends that the appropriation, fund first, a maximum participation with the federal government for the construction of federally designated highways, as provided by law, and last, the construction of State highways, as funding permits. The Legislature also intends that the FTE's for field crews may be adjusted to accommodate the increase or decrease in the Federal Construction Program. No portion of the money appropriated by this item shall be used either directly or indirectly to enhance the appropriations otherwise made by this act to the Department of Transportation for other purposes.
- 21. The Legislature intends that any and all collections or cash income from the sale or salvage of land and buildings are to be lapsed to the Transportation Fund.

Transportation - Construction Management

22. There is appropriated to the Department of Transportation from the Transportation Fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient, but not more than the surplus of the Transportation Fund, to be used by the Department for the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of State highways in Utah. The Legislature intends that the appropriation, fund first, a maximum participation with the federal government for the construction of federally designated highways, as provided by law, and last, the construction of State highways, as funding permits. No portion of the money appropriated by this item shall be used either directly or indirectly to enhance the appropriations otherwise made by this act to the Department of Transportation for other purposes.

Transportation - Safe Sidewalk Construction

23. The Legislature intends that the funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund for pedestrian safety projects be used specifically to correct pedestrian hazards on State highways.

The Legislature also intends that local authorities be encouraged to participate in the construction of pedestrian safety devices. The appropriated funds are to be used according to the criteria set forth in Section 72-8-104, Utah code Annotated, 1953. The funds appropriated for sidewalk construction shall not lapse. If local governments cannot use their allocation of Sidewalk Safety Funds in two years, these funds will be available for other governmental entities which are prepared to use the resources. It is the intent of the Legislature that local participation in the Sidewalk Construction Program be on a 75% state and 25% local match basis.

Transportation - Mineral Lease

24. The Legislature intends that the funds appropriated from the Federal Mineral Lease Account shall be used for improvement or reconstruction of highways that have been heavily impacted by energy development.

The Legislature intends that if private industries engaged in developing the State's natural resources are willing to participate in the cost of the construction of highways leading to their facilities, that local governments consider that highway as a higher priority as they prioritize the use of Mineral Lease Funds received through 59-21-1(4)©(i). The funds appropriated for improvement or reconstruction of energy impacted highways are non-lapsing.